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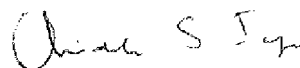
Sir:

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**Assignment for Published Patent Application:** NSK Ltd. and NSK STEERING SYSTEMS Co., Ltd.

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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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**Title**

Controller for electronic power steering apparatus

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and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on \_\_\_\_\_; and

Whereas,

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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

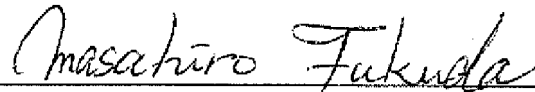
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I/We hereby authorize and request our attorneys SUGHRUE MION, PLLC of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037-3213 to insert here in parentheses (Application number PTC/IP2005/004143 and Confirmation number \_\_\_\_\_, filed March 3, 2005) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

Date: August 29, 2006

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Masahiro FUKUDA

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